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SUBJECT: GOB EDA PURCHASE REQUEST

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM BOLIVIAN EMBASSY DATED SEPTEMBER 19 REQUESTING THE SALE OF THE FOLLOWING EDA EQUIPMENT: 1 EACH., CRUSHER/SCRAPER UNIT (FSN 3820-832-5170) IN R-1 CONDITION; 5 EACH., D-8 TRACTORS (FSN 2410-233-5750) IN R-1 CONDITION; 2 EA., D-7 TRACTORS (FSN 2410-277-1280) IN R-1 CONDITION; AND ONE 1000 GALLON WATER DISTRIBUTION TRUCK (FSN 3825-474-3724) IN R-1 CONDITION. NOTE STATES THAT PURCHASE OF THIS EQUIPMENT WAS REQUESTED ON JUNE 13 THROUGH THE MILGP. DOD/ISA/DSAA INDICATES THAT ALLOCATION OF ABOVE ITEMS TO BOLIVIA WAS TRANSMITTED TO USINCSO IN SECDEF CABLE DTG 242032Z SEP 74.

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2. NOTE ALSO STATES THAT ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT WILL

BE "ON THE BASIS OF FMS CREDIT TO BE PAID IN A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS." AND "... THE (ENGINEERING) COMMAND WILL PAY THE TEN PERCENT REQUIRED DOWN PAYMENT, HAVING TO PAY THE BALANCE IN A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS".

3. DEPARTMENT QUERIED BOLIVIAN MILITARY ATTACHE TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF CREDIT REFERENCE, SPECIFICALLY TO ASK IF GOB INTENDS TO UTILIZE FY 74 FMS CREDIT FOR THIS PURCHASE. MILATT INFORMED DEPARTMENT, ON BASIS

CONVERSATION WITH ENGINEERING COMMAND IN LA PAZ, THAT NOTE REFERS TO A "SPECIAL CREDIT" BEING SOUGHT, NOT THE FY 74 FMS CREDIT. DEPTOFF INFORMED MILATT THAT THE FY 74 FMS CREDIT IS THE ONLY SUCH CHANNEL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE OF DEFENSE-RELATED EQUIPMENT ON CREDIT BASIS. MILATT NOTED THIS CREDIT HAD BEEN ALLOCATED BY THE GOB TO THE BAF. HE ALSO REITERATED THE URGENT NEED FOR THIS ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST MILGP ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY THIS TRANSACTION WITH THE BOLIVIAN ARMY ENGINEERING COMMAND AND MINDEF PROCUREMENT OFFICIALS.

5. COMMENT: FACT THAT TOTAL VALUE OF THESE ITEMS IS 53,184 DOLLARS LEADS US TO BELIEVE A MISUNDERSTANDING MAY BE INVOLVED. PRESUMABLY GOB CAN PAY CASH OR DRAW AGAINST MAP GRANT FOR A PROCUREMENT THIS SIZE. HOWEVER, IF GOB DESIRES TO APPLY FY 74 FMS CREDIT TO PURCHASE OF THIS EQUIPMENT, FORMAL GOB REQUEST FOR REALLOCATION OF CREDIT AND EMBASSY CONCURRENCE WILL BE REQUIRED. KISSINGER

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